

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to make editorial changes therein.

The previously pending claims have been replaced with new claims.

Claims 1-19 were rejected as unpatentable over HUETTENRAUCH et al. 4,965,456 in view of MANSKER 3,308,297. The new claims avoid this rejection and reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

The new claims define a screen with a front wall having a lower vertical section and an upper transparent section that is tilted forward at a fixed angle of 10° to 30° relative to the lower vertical section over an operator work zone, where the upper transparent section has two orifices therein for an operator's arms, and a vertical side wall extending away from the operator work zone generally at a right angle from one side of said front wall, where the side wall has one side conforming in shape to the fixed angle between the lower and upper sections, and where the side wall has a transparent panel over a portion of its height.

The combination of references does not disclose that an upper transparent section is tilted forward at a fixed angle of 10° to 30° over an operator work zone and that a vertical side wall extending away from the operator work zone where the side wall has one side conforming in shape to the fixed angle between

the lower and upper sections. HUETTENRAUCH et al. do not disclose the fixed angle claimed (the upper part pivots) or the side wall. MANSKER discloses a vertical (no tilted part) front wall and a vertical side wall. There is no suggestion in MANSKER make the side wall conform to a tilted part of the front wall and thus there is nothing in the combination to motivate the artisan to tilt the transparent part of the front wall at the fixed angle claimed and to provide a side wall with a side that conforms to this fixed angle.

Moreover, there is no suggestion in the references to provide an upper transparent section that has two orifices therein for an operator's arms. In HUETTENRAUCH et al., there are no openings in the transparent upper section and MANSKER does not disclose a corresponding feature.

Accordingly, the new claims avoid the rejection under §103.

The dependent claims are allowable at least for the reasons given above. Further, the references do not disclose the U-shape opening of claims 24 and 26, the further orifices in the movable panel, where the two orifices are oblong in shape so that the two further orifices open to the operator work zone when the movable panel is moved relative to the upper transparent section as in claim 25, the flexible strips of leaded rubber-type material that depend from a bottom of the lower vertical section as in claim 29, the ceiling of claim 30, and the flexible curtain

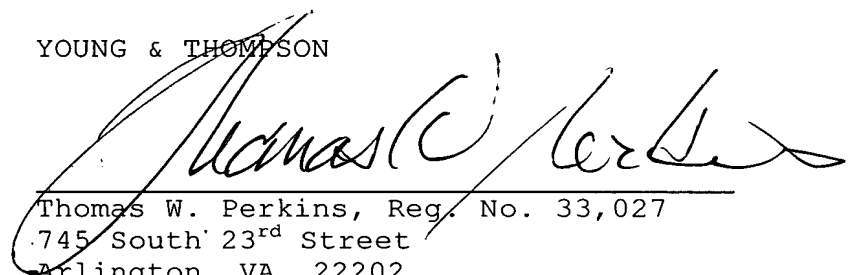
of claim 31. Thus, at least these dependent claims further avoid the rejection of record.

In view of the present amendment and the foregoing remarks, it is believed that the present application has been placed in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

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